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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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ERADICATION OF LEPROSY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has prepared a six-point action plan for eradication of leprosy in the country;

(b) if so, the details of action plan prepared for this purpose;

(c) the programmes being implemented at present for the eradication of leprosy in the country; and

(d) the estimated cost of this action plan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) and (b): The Govt. of India is implementing the National Leprosy Eradication Programme for the elimination of leprosy in the country. Salient features of the scheme are:-

i) Decentralization & Institutional Development under which State Leprosy Societies have been formed in 27 major States and District Leprosy Societies in all the Districts in the country which are responsible for proper planning, implementation, monitoring and timely corrective action.
ii) Integration of Leprosy Services with General Health care system in the country for better out-reach and utilization of services by community.
iii) Early Leprosy Case Detection and Free Multi Drug Therapy to all patients through all Government Primary Health Centres, Dispensaries and Hospitals in the country.
iv) Intensified Public Awareness Campaigning through Mass Media as well a local media at periphery.
v) Training of General Health Care Staff in leprosy and in disability prevention and care.
vi) Prevention of deformities and care.

(c): The National Leprosy Eradication Programme is being implemented in all the States and Union Territories and free diagnosis and treatment of leprosy is available at all Government Health Institutes on all working days.

(d): An allocation of Rs.41.75 crores has been made for the NLEP during the year 2005-06.